1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508), the Department of the Navy published in the **Federal Register**, Notices of Intent to prepare Environmental Impact Statements for the following actions: disposal and privatization of NAWC Indianapolis, Indiana, published on April 15, 1996; disposal and reuse of Naval Surface Warfare Center Louisville, Kentucky, published on June 3, 1996; disposal and reuse of Naval Radio Transmitter Facility Driver, Virginia, published on February 17, 1994.

During the NEPA analysis, it was determined that there were no significant impacts from these actions, therefore the appropriate documentation was prepared. This notice announces to the public that these Environmental Impact Statements were terminated.

Copies of the NEPA document for these actions may be requested from the Navy contact listed above.

Dated: October 26, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Wetlands and Floodplain Involvement for Siting, Construction, and Operation of the Spallation Neutron Source

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Wetland and Floodplain Involvement.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) proposes to site, construct, and operate a Spallation Neutron Source (SNS). The proposed SNS facility would consist of a proton accelerator system; a spallation target; and appropriate experimental areas, laboratories, offices, and support facilities to allow ongoing and expanded programs of neutron research. DOE has identified four alternative sites for this project: Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee (the preferred alternative); Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, Illinois; Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico; and Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, New York.

The proposed sites at ORNL and ANL include small wetlands. In addition, a portion of the site at ANL lies within a 100-year floodplain. In accordance with DOE regulations for floodplain and wetlands environmental review (10 CFR part 1022), DOE will prepare a wetland/floodplain assessment and will perform this proposed action in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected wetlands and floodplain. This assessment will address potential mitigation measures and practicable siting alternatives and will be included in the EIS. The Statement of Findings will be incorporated in the Final EIS.

**DATES:** Within the next few months, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Spallation Neutron Source will be issued for public comment for a period of at least 45 days. Comments in response to this Notice may be submitted to the address below at any time through the end of the DEIS public comment period.

**ADDRESSES:** Please direct comments to: David K. Wilfert, U.S. Department of Energy, Oak Ridge Operations Office, 200 Administration Road, 146/FEDC, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831, telephone: (800) 927–9964, facsimile: (423) 576–4542, or e-mail NSNSEIS@ornl.gov.

For general NEPA information, please contact Carol Borgstrom, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, telephone: (202) 586–4600.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information associated with the Spallation Neutron Source, please contact: Jeffrey C. Hoy, SNS Program Manager, Office of Basic Energy Sciences, Office of Energy Research, U.S. Department of Energy, ER–13, Germantown, MD 20874–1290, telephone: (301) 903–4924. Further information on this proposed action and wetlands assessment can be obtained from David K. Wilfert at the above address.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed SNS facility would consist of a proton accelerator system, a spallation source to produce neutron pulses, and appropriate experimental areas, laboratories, offices, and support facilities to allow ongoing and expanded programs of neutron research. DOE proposes to construct and operate the SNS at one of four alternative sites in the United States. The preferred alternative being evaluated in the EIS is to construct the SNS at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Other alternative locations for the SNS included in the EIS are Argonne National Laboratory (ANL), Argonne, Illinois; Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), Los Alamos, New Mexico; and Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL), Upton, New York.

Construction of the SNS at the proposed ORNL site would involve the taking of two small palustrine emergent wetlands on the Chestnut Ridge construction site. These two wetlands have a combined area of 0.05 hectares (0.12 acres). One of these small wetlands is an emergent wetland in an isolated depression. It is adjacent to another small wetland that lies immediately adjacent to Chestnut Ridge Road near where it crosses White Oak Creek. The depression does not appear to have a surface outlet to the swale or to nearby White Oak Creek. Upgrades needed to Chestnut Ridge Road and the laying of a gas pipeline would encroach on these areas and result in the loss of the 0.05 hectares of wetlands. A third wetland with an area of 0.65 hectares (1.6 acres) could receive increased runoff and siltation during construction activities. Appropriate runoff mitigation measures would be employed to minimize any effects to this wetland.

As proposed, construction of the SNS at the ANL alternative site would involve the loss of a 1.4 hectares (3.5 acres) of palustrine emergent wetlands that would lie within the proposed SNS facility footprint at ANL. In accordance with Section 404 of the Federal Clean Water Act, a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would be sought for construction in these wetlands and for possible plans to mitigate the losses as necessary, should the SNS be built at the ANL site.

In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR part 1022), DOE will prepare a floodplain and wetlands assessment for this proposed DOE action. The assessment and a floodplain statement of findings will be included in the environmental impact statement being prepared for the proposed project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

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*Director, Office of Energy Research.*

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